

Using Components to Automate Performance Experiments

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Motivation

- CQoS requires support for
 - Performance measurement
 - Performance databases
 - Performance analysis
- Performance measurement can involve running thousand of experiments in different environments
 - The goal of this work is to automate performance experiments as much as possible using a component approach

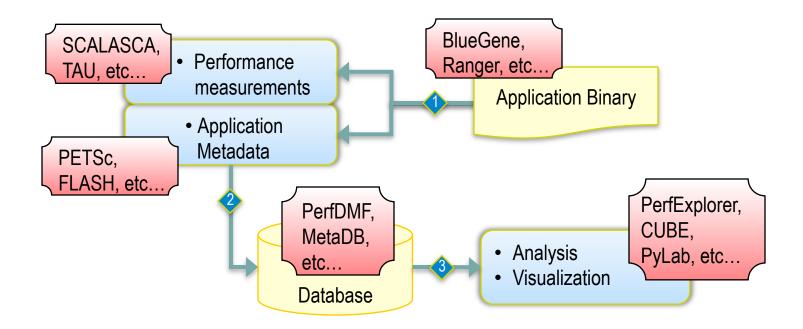


The Challenge

- Performance experiments involve several variable configurations
 - Execution platform, programming model, application parameters, analysis tools and techniques
- Automation of each experimental phase
 - Experimental set-up and execution
 - Data collection and storage
 - Post-analysis

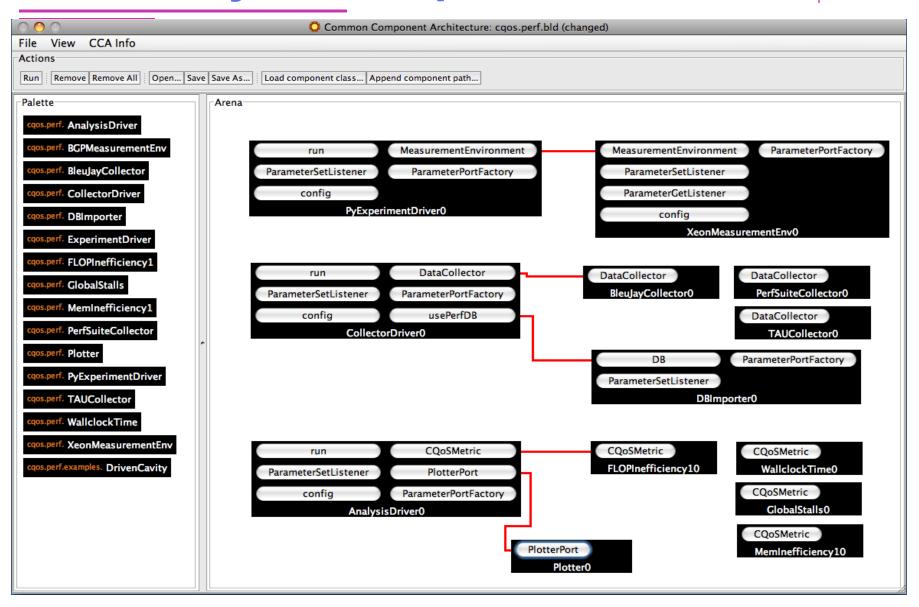
Performance Experiment Workflow







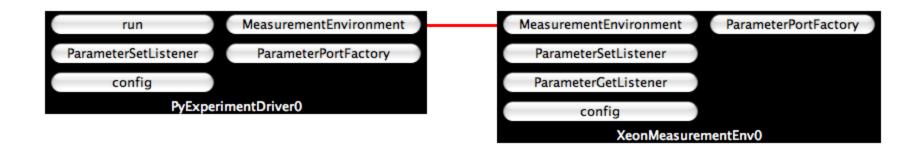
Assembly of Components





Experiment Setup and Execution

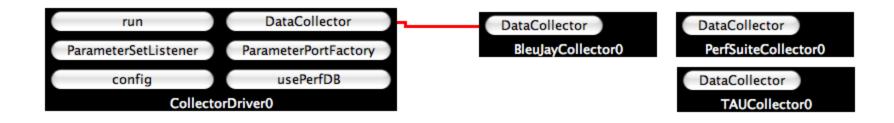
- Set up measurement environment for platform
- Retrieve application configuration parameters
- Run the application





Collection Phase

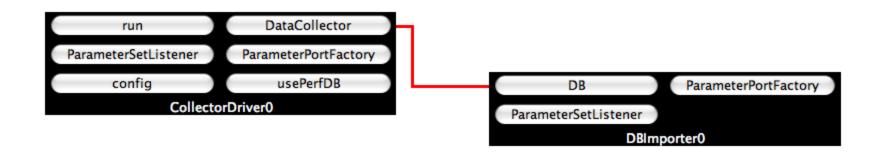
- Select the measurement tool and mode of collection
- Specify measurement technique and events to monitor





Data Storage and Access

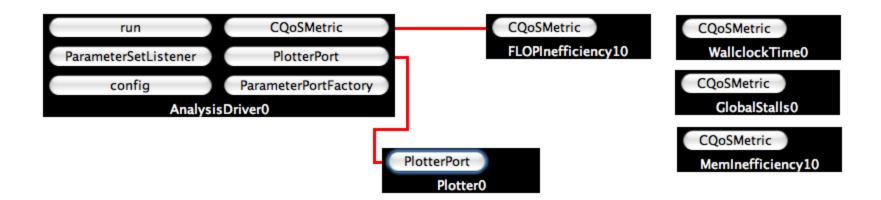
- Store metadata and performance data to database
- Retrieve data from database
- Specify set of trials to access





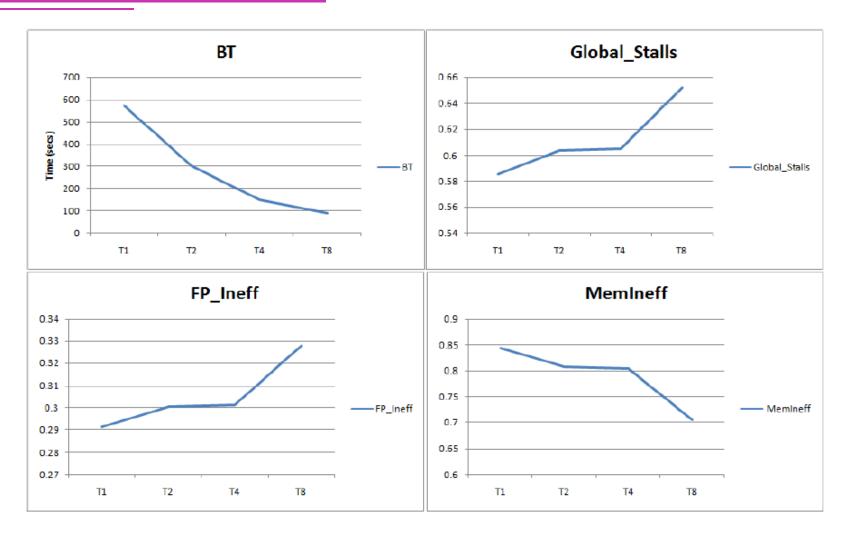
Data Analysis Phase

- Select type of analysis to perform
- Compute performance metrics
- Specify analysis for a given set of trials



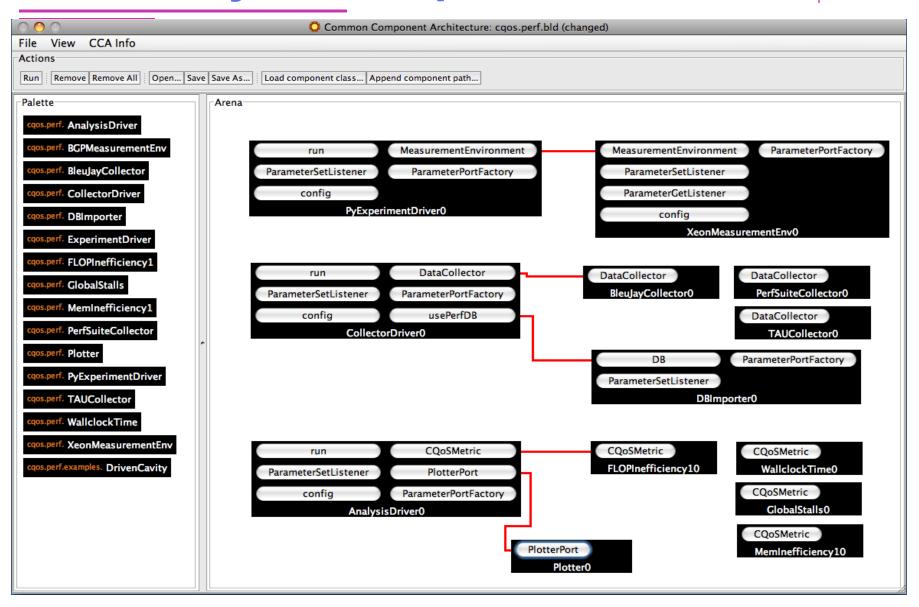


Sample Analysis Output





Assembly of Components





Summary

- Develop components to automate process of running multiple performance experiments
- Provide a layer of abstraction for integrating support for multiple underlying tools and technology
- Improvements in efficiency in performance data collection for CQoS or performance tuning



Future Work

- Extensions to support...
 - Multiple platforms, application spaces, performance tools, database interfaces, and analysis techniques
- Generate script to run multiple experiments
- Charting results over multiple experiments



Additional Information

- > Acknowledgments:
 - DOE SciDAC projects
 - Technology for Advanced Scientific Component Software (TASCS)
 - Performance Engineering Research Institute (PERI)
- Project website (same repository as other CQoS components)
 - https://trac.mcs.anl.gov/projects/cca/wiki/cca